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SUBJ: ICAO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF SECURITY MEASURES

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1. WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP TWICE WITH O.I. GREEN, ASST. SEC. RESPONSIBLE FOR ICAO AFFAIRS AND ONCE WITH JIM WILKS, UNDER SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR AVIATION SECURITY, BOTH IN DEPT. OF TRADE BUT STILL DO NOT HAVE SPECIFICS AS TO BRITISH POSITION FOR MARCH 3 ICAO COUNCIL MEETING. BOTH HAVE INDICATED UK WILL IN GENERAL SUPPORT ISRAELI PROPOSAL PROVIDED DISCUSSION DOES NOT BECOME POLITICALLY CHARGED. UK WILL ALSO SUPPORT US PROPOSALS BUT WANT TO INCORPORATE FLEXIBILITY IN APPLYING SOME MEASURES WHICH US WISHES TO MAKE MANDATORY. HOWEVER, NEITHER GREEN NOR WILKS COULD BE SPECIFIC AS TO WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES TROUBLE THEM.

2. WE ENCOURAGED GREEN AND WILKS TO HAVE UK TABLE PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION BUT THEY SEEM TO FEEL IT TOO LATE NOW

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TO DO THIS. IN COUNCIL DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, UK MAY ASK

THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO TRAINING OF AIR CREWS ON
HOW TO REACT IN EVENT OF A HIJACKING.

3. BRITISH ARE CLEARLY NERVOUS BECAUSE PRESENT INITIATIVE
COMES FROM ISRAELIS AND, IF NOT CAREFULLY HANDLED, COULD
STIR UP POLITICAL DEBATE. THEY HAVE MADE THESE CONCERNS
KNOWN TO ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO CANADA AND BECAUSE OF
THESE CONCERNS WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT EARLY MOVES IN
COUNCIL TO REFER CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO
APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION
AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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